



Suffolk County Council headlines, recorded as they happened during the year, noted from March 2025.

March 2025

Suffolk County Council confirms decision to bring Library Services back In-House

Suffolk County Council has confirmed that it will be bringing all 45 libraries back under its care and control.

200 new specialist SEND places for Suffolk

The creation of 200 new specialist places across the county for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) is set to be considered by Suffolk County Council's cabinet.

April 2025

Suffolk County Council Signs the Power of Youth Charter – A Commitment to Empowering the Next Generation To Shape Their Future

Suffolk County Council has signed the Power of Youth Charter, joining a UK-wide movement to empower young people to take the lead in shaping a better future for themselves, their communities, and society.

Nature recovery plan aims to revive Suffolk's wildlife

A new strategy has been drafted to help restore and enhance nature across Suffolk, and a consultation has been launched for you to share your views.

May 2025

Council cites numerous concerns as it formally objects to north Suffolk solar farm plans

Suffolk County Council has submitted its formal objection to plans for EcoPower's large solar farm proposal in north Suffolk.

Suffolk Archives wins major Museums + Heritage Award

Suffolk Archives is celebrating after scooping the Community Engagement Programme of the Year title for its Arrivals: Celebrating Migration to Suffolk project at the prestigious Museums + Heritage Awards last night.

June 2025

New Strategy Launched to Tackle Violence Against Women and Girls in Suffolk

Partners across Suffolk have reaffirmed their shared commitment to tackling Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence with the launch of a bold, united strategy aimed at making Suffolk a safer place for everyone.

Suffolk challenges Government on Planning reform at a National Infrastructure Conference

At its prestigious national infrastructure conference at The Hold in Ipswich on 11 June 2025, Suffolk County Council has challenged Government on the emerging Planning and Infrastructure Bill.

£8m funding for Bus Service improvements

Suffolk County Council has secured a grant of £8m from the Department for Transport for new and enhanced bus services in the county.

Improvements identified to boost walking and cycling thanks to Active Travel

West Felixstowe and the road between Capel St Mary and Copdock could see boosts to walking and cycling and improved road safety.

July 2025

Suffolk's once-in-a-generation, state-of-the-art fire control room goes live

A new era in emergency response has begun in Suffolk, as Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service unveils its cutting-edge control room in Ipswich, introducing faster, smarter and more resilient 999 operations.

August 2025

Council remains opposed to pylon project, as application submitted

National Grid has formally applied to build its Norwich to Tilbury pylon project, but Suffolk County Council remains firm that it is not an appropriate scheme.

New and Improved bus services coming to Suffolk this month

17 new or enhanced bus services will launch across the county between 31 August and mid-September, with a further 7 expected to go live later this year.

September 2025

Suffolk's vision for nature recovery

Suffolk's Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) has been drafted following a successful consultation earlier this year.

32,000 solar panels and counting for Solar Together Suffolk project

The successful Solar Together Suffolk scheme is now open for registration for 2025.

Second year of £500,000 Culture Project Fund launched

Suffolk County Council is pleased to announce the second year of its £500,000 Culture Project Fund. This initiative is aimed at strengthening and supporting local arts and museum projects in our local communities across the county.

Ambitious new plan to Get Suffolk Working

An ambitious new plan to tackle economic inactivity and boost employment across the county will be considered by Suffolk County Council's cabinet.

One Suffolk plan submitted to government

The business case, setting out the proposal for a single unitary authority in Suffolk, explains how One Suffolk would save the county £39.4 million a year and enhance local services.

Gull Wing Bridge celebrates first anniversary

The award-winning Gull Wing Bridge, which has transformed traffic in Lowestoft, is celebrating its first anniversary.

October 2025

Councillors approve historic devolution deal, paving the way for major investment for Suffolk

Suffolk County Council's cabinet has voted in favour of creating a new mayoral authority for Norfolk and Suffolk.

Suffolk celebrates five years of investment in the National Cycle Network

The county looks to the future after five years that has seen £5 million invested in the network.

November 2025

Suffolk County Council announces £63m A12 highway improvement proposals

A full planning application for improvements between the A12/A14 Seven Hills Junction and Woods Lane junction north of Woodbridge will be submitted later this month.

Project Celebrating Disability in Suffolk gets £139k grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund

Suffolk Archives has been awarded a grant of £139,107 to deliver Beyond Labels: Celebrating Disability in Suffolk which will shine a light on the lives, achievements, and challenges of people with disabilities across the county - past and present.

December 2025

Council secures £2.9 million from DfT Incentive Fund for 2025/26

Suffolk gets extra Government funding under a scheme that rewards excellence in highways asset management and efficiency.

Inspectorate satisfied with Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service's improvement progress

His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) has confirmed it is satisfied with the progress Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service is making to address improvements identified during its previous inspection -

Councillor Steve Wiles, Suffolk County Council's Cabinet Member for Public Health and Public Protection, said:

"It is reassuring to see the Inspectorate recognise the meaningful progress being made.

“The council’s £1.6 million investment is supporting improvements in leadership, communication and culture, and it is encouraging to see positive change emerging.

“There is more work ahead, but strong foundations have now been put in place, and we will continue supporting the service as it delivers the high standards our communities expect.”

To read the letter from HMICFRS in full, please visit: [Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service: Cause of concern revisit letter - His Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services.](#)

Suffolk secures more than £26 million bus funding over three years

Government funding for public transport in Suffolk is confirmed for three years.

£12m Active Travel funding over four years announced for Suffolk

Suffolk County Council schemes promoting walking, cycling and wheeling receive funding for another four years from the government.

January 2026

Suffolk County Council proposes new 20mph speed limit policy for communities

A scheme to make it easier to introduce 20mph speed limits is to be considered by councillors.

Department for Education acknowledges progress - and sets clear expectations for Suffolk’s SEND improvement

The partnership responsible for overseeing and delivering services for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in Suffolk has been praised for making important improvements by the Department for Education.

County Council set to approve much-needed provision for children with complex needs

Suffolk County Council is set to discuss the development of a new children’s home in Saxmundham, for children with complex needs, at its Cabinet meeting on 27 January.

February 2026

Council budget protects frontline services amid rising costs and demand

Suffolk County Council has agreed an £850 million budget for 2026/27, prioritising and protecting frontline services despite rising costs, increasing demand and continued shortfalls in national funding.

New SEND school and centre of excellence to be built in Bury St Edmunds

A new special school for Bury St Edmunds has been given the go-ahead.